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MOTHERS

The first three Sundays in May can be said to recognize women. On May 7 we honor the Myrrbearing Women who are mentioned in Mark 15:43-16:8, the next Sunday is Mother's Day on the civil calendar and most churches honor mothers in some way, the following Sunday is the Samaritan Woman whose story is told in John 4:5-42. For those on the Modified Calendar it also is the day on which St. Helen is honored along with her grandson St. Constantine.

Women are getting more vocal in the Orthodox Church. They are starting women's organizations, writing books and editing religious papers. They even serve on Parish Councils. It is a long way from 1947 when Patriarch Athenagoras refused to take welcoming flowers from a woman in a parish in Ohio and pointedly asked where her husband was. As late as 1975 the Orthodox Church in America did not seat any women delegates at the All-American Council. Women are not only more visible, unfortunately, some of them are getting quite strident at various conferences.

In this era when the world of women is expanding very rapidly perhaps Mother's Day is a good time for it to assume a dual purpose. To honor mothers and for mothers to reflect on what their children will think of them years from now.

We have only to read the daily paper to see that all mothers do not fit our image of mother. They do drugs, neglect the children, allow husband or boyfriend to abuse and harm them, can work so hard supplying them with useless material things that she neglects their spiritual life.

On the other hand, Mother's Day is a good time for those who have or had good mothers to thank God for the many blessings He bestows on them through their mothers, especially if they have helped them to nurture the gift of faith.

One of the greatest gifts a mother can

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The arch with the words: *"Blessed is he who walketh in the name of the Lord" is found at the entrance to St. Tikhon's Monastery, which is celebrating the 90th year since its founding as a monastery and orphanage. Members of Heritage Tour 1994 will meet at this arch at noon on May 29.*

I DIDN'T KNOW

Ninety years ago, two monks, who were later to become Archbishop Arseny and Patriarch Tikhon, inspected the Wagner farm in So. Canaan, PA and decided to buy the property and establish a monastery and orphanage. This monastery was to become St. Tikhon's Monastery.

A farmhouse on the property was converted into an orphanage with a chapel. Over 100 people, mostly from Mayfield, PA, came for the blessing of the building and the planting of the cross in the place where the monastery church was to be built.

Many of the original buildings have since been razed but the church dedicated to St. Tikhon Zadonsk still stands; however, it has been expanded and has lost the monks' cells, which it contained at one time.

The monastery soon became a spiritual center for Orthodox people from the Anthracite area of Pennsylvania and from the New York/New Jersey area. Because of this, the FROC decided to erect a monument there in 1948

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ST. NICHOLAS IN MAY?

Yes, and it is the same St. Nicholas who can be found on the calendar in December that we find on the calendar on May 9/22. How come?

St. Nicholas died in 342 and was buried in his home territory of Myra in Lycia, which is now in Turkey. His relics lay peaceably for over 600 years when the area was won in battle and occupied by barbarians in 1087. At this time, a priest in Myra had a vision in which he was told that the relics should be transferred to Bari in Southern Italy.

The relics were taken by Italian merchants who were trading in Asia Minor. They had great respect for St. Nicholas and considered him a protector of seamen. During the voyage to Bari, many miracles occurred.

The relics arrived in Bari on May 9, 1089 and the Holy Day of the translation of the relics of St. Nicholas was added to the Church calendar. So many people came to venerate the relics which oozed myrrh that it was decided to build a permanent place to house them. A huge, magnificent cathedral dedicated to St. John the Baptist was built for this purpose. His relics were placed under the altar.

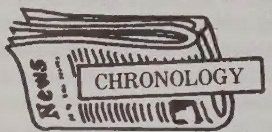
St. Nicholas is the most beloved saint to be found on the calendar. People turn to him in prayer more often than to any other saint. He is one of the few saints that has two kondaks and two tropars. The one for the Holy Day of his translation or transfer were written by Metropolitan Ephrem of Persyaslav.

Most of the Slav national churches have this day on the calendar and in Russia the priests were asked to encourage their faithful to collect funds on this day, which were designated for various funds which benefitted children. Part of the relica were returned to the Orthodox several years ago when the Roman Catholic Church de-emphasized the role of saints.

The people in Carpatho-Rus had

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MAY 1995

ST. SERAPHIM YOUTH CAMP will be held from July 30-August 6 in the Wilkes-Barre, PA area. Contact by May 31: Fr. Alexis, 11 West Kirmar Ave., Nanticoke, PA 18634 or call 717/735-0986.

MANY OWN BIBLES but are they reading them? According to pollster George Barna, most people still use the King James Version, which requires a 12th grade reading skill, while half of adults older than 25 can't read at an 8th grade level. A million of last year's high school graduates lacked a 2nd grade reading ability.

DNA tests have shown that Anna Anderson, who died in 1984, was not the Grand Duchess Anastasia, the youngest daughter of Czar Nicholas II.

RUSSIAN ARTISTS are flocking to Berlin for the 2nd time this century. The first wave came after the 1917 revolution. At this time there are 15,000 Russians living legally in Berlin and many more who are undocumented. Many shows of art by these artists are now being exhibited.

THE 13TH ANNUAL meeting of the Greek Orthodox Young Adults (YAL) will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah from 30 June through 4 July. Call 1-800-859-5YAL for information.

PATRIARCH BARTHOLOMEW and Pope John Paul II will meet in Rome on the feast of SS. Peter and Paul, June 29.

THE ORTHODOX YOUTH WORKSHOP WORKERS CONFERENCE will meet Nov. 16-19 at the Antiochian Village. Contact Box 307, RD 1, Bolivar, PA 15923-9664 or call 412/238-9565.

ALL ORTHODOX COLLEGE STUDENTS are invited to participate in a conference July 20-24 in Toccoa, GA, which is just outside Atlanta. Write to Nicole Ashley, 16820 Cranford, Grosse Pointe, MI 48230 or call 313/884-0735.

TWO AUXILIARY BISHOPS have been concencrated for the Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese Bishops: Joseph and Demtri join Bishops Antoun and Basil in service to Metropolitan Philip.

ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS in the Patriarchate of Jerusalem, which include those in Jordan, Palestine and Israel, are suffering under much discrimination. Orthodox students are denied scholarships and schools are being closed. Churches are neglected. An International Task Force for looking into the situation has been established and will meet May 12-14 at Antiochian Village (see address above).

BARTHOLOMEW, Patriarch of Constantinople, wrote in March 12: "Our primatial Church ... has united under the omophorion of our Modesty of all the Ukrainian Orthodox of the Diaspora who until now were dispersed."

SEVEN ORTHODOX PARISHES of the Triple Cities shall hold a joint Divine Liturgy at the Arena in Binghamton, NY on June 4.

EACH YEAR UNTIL 2000, an intensive Continuing Education Workshop for clergy will be held by the Carpatho-Russian Diocese.

SUGGESTIONS FOR USING RECYCLING COPIES OF THE ORTHODOX HERALD. Take copies to hospitals. Most places need reading material.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE on Mission and Evangelism sponsored by the Orthodox Christian Mission Center and Holy Cross Seminary will be held in August 6-11. All welcome to this conference. Contact Tony Vrame, Hellenic College, 50 Goddard Ave., Brookline, MA 02146 or call 617/731-3500.

PHILOXENIA HOUSE, established on the grounds of Hellenic College - Holy Cross in 1986, has recently been expanded and has 9 bedrooms plus other common areas. It serves patients coming to Boston for medical treatment and their families who cannot afford hotel living. This Orthodox "Ronald McDonald House" has many volunteers who help with transportation, counseling, etc. Guests must be recommended by their hierarch or priest.

THE ORTHODOX PATRIARCHAL SEMINARY in Nairobi, Kenya, East Africa gave diplomas to the first graduating class after completing three years in the seminary.

A RELIEF PROGRAM FOR CHECHNYA REFUGEES has been initiated by IOCC. The first phase will help those who fled to Ossetia and Ingushetia. Send contributions to IOCC, P.O. Box 630225, Baltimore, MD 21263-0225 or call 410/243-9820.

THE ORTHODOX HOME SCHOOL, a semi-annual newsletter, may be ordered for $5 from St. Andrew Publication Society, P.O. Box 45, Beltsville, MD 20705.

A STAMP IN ROMÂNIA depicts the St. Mary Romanian Church complex in Cleveland, OH. This 641 lei (32¢) stamp honors the church as the oldest Romanian Church in the U.S. It celebrated its 90th year in 1994.

SS. CONSTANTINE AND HELEN Romanian Orthodox Church in Indianapolis has instituted "Altar Handmaidens" – young girls of the parish who have been called to assist in the Liturgical Services by: holding candles during the reading of the Holy Gospel, holding the Communion cloth, holding the Antidoron (Prosphora) given after Holy Communion, and reading the Epistle.

THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES has agreed to organize an international conference late this year on refugees and displaced persons in the former Soviet Union. More than 25 million ethnic Russians reside outside Russia in the former Soviet Union countries. Some are encouraged, or even pressured, to return as the emerging states define their national identities.

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colorful names for many of the Holy Days. In past days when many of them were illiterate they would pinpoint an event by saying that it was either at the time of the cold or warm Nicholas – Dec. 6/19 or May 9/22.

EIGHTH DAY

Sometimes we hear of people referring to the "eighth day." What is the meaning of this term?

The Resurrection of the Lord took place in the morning after the seventh day and following the Sabbath. This was the beginning of the first day of the week. For this reason, the first day of the week is the day on which Christians celebrate a new week symbolizing the beginning of new life in Jesus Christ.

The early Christians called this day the Eighth Day, or the eighth day of creation as it is now theologically known. It is not only to commemorate the day on which Christ arose but it is to celebrate the beginning and prefiguration of the eternal life with God which came to renewed mankind.

As the first day of creation was the beginning of days in time, so the day of the Resurrection of Christ is the beginning of days outside of time, that is, the fulfillment of our Lord's promise of the Kingdom to come, where God is all in all.

This is the reason why you often hear the term "eighth day" in the hymns of the Orthodox Church.



"I FINALLY FOUND A TIME FOR MY PRAYER HOUR. DURING TV COMMERCIALS."

•I Didn't Know

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honoring Fr. John Naumovich whose precepts of Pray, Study, Toil and Be Temperate it had accepted as its own. It was hoped that this monument would be a reminder to future generations of how much he had done for the Lemko/Galician people. It was also a reaction to the destroying of a monument which had been dedicated to Fr. John in Kiev in 1911. German bombs destroyed it during the Second World War.

The monument at St. Tikhon's still stands. It has been moved but is still close to the entrance arch.

Why was Fr. John Naumovich honored with the monument? Even as a young man in Galicia, he was upset by the plight of the Lemko people who were downtrodden and denied education. He decided to liberate them and felt that adult education was the route to take. He published a monthly journal, brochures on practical subjects like husbandry, waged a war on drunkenness, formed literary societies and organized "chitanki" on Sunday afternoon where lectures were given, letters and papers were read. He had so much influence that certain segments of society decided that they had to get rid of him. The people were getting less docile. His church and home were burned, and he was harassed. Finally, he left for Russia and settled near Kiev. Once there, he began to look for land and planned a settlement so that he could help his fellow Galicians emigrate to Russia and a better life. He died suddenly in 1892 and was buried in Kiev. The people of Galicia erected the monument to him in Kiev in 1911, bearing the words they felt best described his immortal motto for awakening them – Pray, Study, Toil and Be Temperate. The initials of these words M Y T T are to be found on the official FROC emblem.

This year is the ninth year since the founding of the monastery and forty-seven years since the Lemko/Galician people honored one of its own.

Retirement brings changed interests and altered values: initiatives for aging are essential.

The heaviest burden you carry is a grudge.

•Mothers

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give her child is an appreciation for the faith. Through her faith example her children learn the truth of Jesus' words: "Whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith." (Matt 21:22)

A mother cannot give what she doesn't have herself. But if a mother has faith, "even as small as the grain of a mustard seed," she can impart great wisdom and confidence to her children.

A mother can give her children material things, but one day they will be on their own coping with life and all the material things will be a faded memory. When troubles come, and they surely will, either her children will be sustained by their faith or abandoned to their own limited resources. We certainly all know adults in both groups.

A good mother wants her children to have real faith. This day is set aside to all those good women who tried their best. This includes not only birth mothers but women who have influenced children's lives to faith and good. All of these may not see the results of their influence, but one day their labor of love will bear rich fruit in the children of faith and a rich prayer life.

WINTER GRACE

Even though people retire from work which occupies them many hours a week they cannot retire from being caring, thoughtful human beings. In fact, retirement gives more time to follow Christ's dictum as given in Matthew 25 and James 1.

This poem has updated the way we can be of service.

"I must do something for someone today; round up my love and give it away.

Telephone a friend just over the hill who's a whole lot lonely and a little bit ill.

Write on my heart several things to be done; 'twill be such a pleasure, not to mention the fun!

Say a few words on a little bitty note to make somebody glad that I wrote.

Remember a friend if I can't be there, open my heart and just send a prayer.

The day moves on and I'm getting in high to give away that which money can't buy."

THE WAY I REMEMBER IT

There was a school across the street from our church. During the evenings it was used as a night school for adults learning English or citizenship. They worked and studied hard to be able to pass the test and become citizens of the United States. They had worked at manual labor most of the day, hurriedly ate supper, changed their clothes and then went to class. Usually they walked home following their classes, but on Holy Thursday a wonderful, and now we would call it an ecumenical, thing happened. Many of the non-Orthodox adult students and some of their instructors chose to go to the church to hear the Gospels about the Passion of Christ. They held the lighted candles. The music and solemnity of the ritual moved them to tears even if they could not understand the Church Slavonic. The service was long. Nothing was omitted. Even today I can hear the "Razboynika" (the thief) sun in the darkened church.

Even young children were brought to the church and were expected to behave.

The next day was Holy Friday. This was the day we first wore our new Easter clothes. You see in those days we had school clothes, everyday clothes and clothes we wore only on Sundays to Church. These had to be changed when we came home from the Divine Liturgy. The clothes were new for Holy Friday because it was the change into Spring clothes and the Procession and service was considered so serious.

Who could forget the atmosphere of the next few days? The fragrant flowers, the bright vestments and table covers, the beautiful music, the greeting of "Christos Voskrese," the taking of a blessed Easter egg to our godparents, the ham and kolbasi and other food which were so special because we did not have them at any other time of the year?

Then the joy of Easter Monday. Instead of going to school we went to the Church for services. This was Children's Day and those not yet 7 years of age went to Holy Communion on this day. The procession around the church had a less formal feel. The older boys carried the banners, gospel and ikons. The children joined the choir in singing. How big we felt! How sweet the music sounded!

Why is it that I have retained so many memories from those years? Why is it that children are not brought to the church for these services? Why are they only brought to Church for the Easter service if an Easter egg hunt follows the service? I was discussing this with a friend who gave a new answer to the questions. She said that the pageantry, beautiful music and sense of drama have been eliminated from too many of the services. She asked when have you felt close to tears or been transported into another world by the service? Does she have a point?

FEEL INADEQUATE

Sometimes we may feel inadequate to help someone who is facing a problem or difficult situation. However, if we remember that love and understanding are the great needs of everyone, we can be of help and give a blessing. Even a silent prayer affirming God's love is with the one in need and is powerful to help and bless.

Today, open yourself to God's love, let love flow through. Let your thoughts, feelings and actions be activated by love.

As you send forth your prayers of love, as you speak of love and kindness, you will find peace yourself. You will find yourself richly blessed.

Even as you give a big smile or a friendly nod, you are a blessing to others.

What you give will return to you increased. As you let the love of God find expression through you, love and kindness will return to you and warm your heart. You will find more happiness than you have ever thought possible for did not Jesus tell us in John 13:35: "By this all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Love.

Love is only one small word – so simple yet how powerful!

Love is the great unifying, transforming, sustaining, integrating law of the universe.

Jesus emphasized love as the answer to life's problems.

GOING TO COMMUNION

We cross our arms right over left on our breast when we go up to receive Holy Communion. We do this for several reasons. First, we are reminded that we receive this great gift of the very Body and Blood of Christ because of His sacrifice for us on the Cross. Second, there is a practical reason for keeping our arms in this position. It keeps us from accidentally jaring the hand of the priest or the chalice or the spoon while we are receiving Holy Communion.

Dabs of Thoughts

Do you remember when Vesperal Liturgies were held only at Easter time?

The Bicentennial Year may be over but "Mission" must go on. One of the most neglected area of harvest and one that should be the most obvious are the new immigrants, especially those coming from what are traditionally considered "Orthodox" countries. In the last few weeks we've seen articles in our local paper about Religious Freedom Day being sponsored by the local synagogue for people newly arrived from Russia and other former countries of the Soviet Union. We've also seen articles about the Baptist welcoming immigrants from the same places. We've also seen articles about a Pentecostal group sponsoring people from the Ukraine and settling them into housing, etc. What is the Orthodox Church doing?

We spoke to some Orthodox and were surprised at their responses. They were not at all welcoming, in fact they said that their parents had to go it alone, why shouldn't the new people? Of course, those that arrived first had to make their own way, but they sent for relatives and fellow villagers and started to organize. The Orthodox Church quickly set up immigrant homes in New York and other major cities, an orphanage and young women's domicile were built in Springfield, Vt. and so on. It's time a clearing house be set up where information can be received and certainly parishes should not only welcome these new immigrants, but they have the responsibility of seeking them out.

It is unreasonable to expect a child to listen to your advice and ignore your example.

St. Ambrose of Milan wrote that: Sins are forgiven by the Holy Spirit not by man. Men help in the process for remission of sins; but they do not exercise any power of their own. They forgive sins not in their own name but in that of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. They ask, the Godhead gives; the service is man's, the reward is from the Power on high.

There are many prayers in your Prayer Book which you should add in Lent. Also helpful are the penitential Psalms especially number 6, 32, 38, 51, 102, 130 and 143.



EDITORS' NOTES

We needed some work done in our home, so we decided to look through the Yellow Pages. We were struck by the number of companies who included in their ad "In business since 1962 or Family business since 1980, etc." It gave us quite a start when we realized that we "have been in 'business' since 1952." Although there have been many papers published in the English language since our pioneering effort, our subscription list grows from year to year. From the letters we receive, most comment on the readability of the articles – they are short, to the point, are theologically correct, and cover a wide variety of subjects.

One thing that has changed over the years is the number of people who take packets for a year. Some order them for a Bible or religious education class, some for the church literature rack and some find it is cheaper to order a packet and distribute them to family members rather than xerox articles. A minimum of 10 copies going to the same address can be ordered for $24 a year. Write for more information and details.

As you know, the price of stamps has gone up, so has our Second Class postage. We cannot do anything about these price jumps; but, we can ask your cooperation in sending a change of address card before you move. For each copy that is returned to us for a change of address, we must pay 50¢ and these add up over a period of time. Let us know before you move so that you get your copy on time.

More than 50 years ago the well-known Christian author, C.S.Lewis, wrote the following, which can apply to the church.

He said: "First, as to putting the clock back. Would you think I was joking if I said that you can put a clock back, and that if the clock is wrong it is often a very sensible thing to do?

"But I would rather get away from the whole idea of clocks. We all want progress. But progress means getting nearer to the place where you want to be. And if you have taken a wrong turning, then to go forward does not get you any nearer.

"If you are on the wrong road, progressing means doing an about-turn and walking back to the right road; and in this case the man who turns back soonest is the most progressive man...

"There is nothing progressive about being pigheaded and refusing to admit a mistake. And I think if you look at the present state of the world (church), it is pretty plain that humanity has been making some big mistakes. We are on the wrong road. And if that is so, we must go back. Going back is the quickest way on."

We know that the Church is no longer an immigrant church, but it still has ethnic roots. We have to acknowledge these and be aware that they exist. These roots give us a certain way of looking at life and whether they are Russians, Carpatho-Rus, Lemko, etc., they all possess "the Russian soul." How precious!

Fr. and Matushka Stroyen

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•Kitchen Corner

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place in warm place to rise for 1/2 to 3/4 hour until double in bulk or bubbly. In Russia they say when "drozhzhi guljajut" or when the "yeast is playing around."

Oil skillet and when hot, skim off 1 heaping Tbls. of mix and drop onto hot skillet. Do not spread mixture. Fry like regular pancakes, turning once when golden brown.

Serve with sour cream and/or butter or warmed applesauce.

MISSION FUND

Going to places other than Alaska to help in "Mission work" The Orthodox Herald is sent by Andrew Popovich, Phyllis Tarasovich, Ethel Watlock, Tom Broslawik, Joseph Horoschak, Esther and Rev. Everett I Campbell, Joseph Russian, Dr. and Mrs. Frank Rusinko, Jr. Michael Bondarchuk in memory of parents V. Rev. Averky and Matushka Marie Dran Bondarchuk.

Following the line of least resistance makes rivers and people crooked.

ETHNIC CHUCKLE

Dorohaya Tyota Mareea,

Yak tam kolo vas?

Too u nash now shitko OK no yah mala takee scary situation zheh yah dumala zheh yah ushee dostanyu heart attack. Tak peeshlo. Me next door neighbor poklikala me na telephone ee zvedala me chee yah be so kind as to take a bus trip to New York as we need to fill the seats. Yah kazhyu yeh OK if ohna me ne leave boh yah never been to New York. Ohna duma long time then povela me alright: Yah zaplateela hroshee ee me peeshlee na trip.

First, me peeshlee shopping. No somehow me next door neighbor ee yeh dear friends ee yah got separated. Yah hlyahdala ee hlyahdala no neh find them. Yah neh znah yak find halluy. Yah bulla taka scared yah neznala shto robitee. Yah tak panickovala zhe yah zabula name of show and hall.

Yah peshla nah vonka. Na sidewalk yah shtopuyyuh people. Asking: "Mr. chee and Mrs. where is hall for show. Ohnee me nech neh kazhut. Yah became frantic-scrazuyu. Yah neh znah yak yehm povestee me message. Then came to me idea! Yah kazhu "Mr. che Mrs. You know dance hall." Ee yah started to do small dance tam nah sidewalku. Yah dostala takee action. Oden cheloveek me kazhey: "You crazy lady." Druhee mladee me doll dolyara u hand ee kazhe: "You remind me of my poor mother. Go get yourself another beer." Two zhenee poveelee: "Isn't it a same. She doesn't look the type. You never can tell." Yah dumam zhe yah scrazuyu. Yah taka nervous yah dancing faster ee faster ee kretchu; "Dance hall, dance hall."

Policeman preshol ee kazhe ludyam around me: "Keep moving." Ohn take me zah elbow ee kazhe: "What's wrong mama?" Yah taka glad to see him. Yah started to plakatee ee poveela yehmu me story. Ohn kazhe: "I think you're looking for Radio City Music Hall; it's two blocks straight ahead."

Yah tam nashla me group ah me neighbor said: "Ann, we missed you. What happened to you? Were you delayed by the disturbance two blocks from here? We couldn't see what was happening, there were too many people."

Yah yeh answered: "I had very different experience. I'll never forget it."

Budthey Zdrovee,
Hanya



This time of year in northeastern Pennsylvania starts the summer round of fund-raising picnics. One of the best sellers at these picnics are potato pancakes, which come by various names depending on the ethnic group sponsoring the picnic. They are always delicious but often heavy and usually floating in so much fat that they have to be blotted with napkins or paper towels.

Many more people make potato pancakes at home, especially since they have found that the blender or processor can take the place of grating the potatoes on that trusted four-side grater, which resulted in at least one skinned knuckle.

I have found that in many European homes, the cook has a little trick to make the pancakes light and less absorbing of the oil. She adds a bit of yeast. These thick, small pancakes are called Oladi.

Raised Potato Pancakes - Oladi

1 pkg. yeast
1/4 cup warm water
1/4 tsp. sugar
4-5 potatoes
1/2 cup flour (about)
1 egg (optional)
1/2 - 1 tsp. salt
dash pepper
grated onion (optional)
fresh or dried herbs (optional)

Dissolve yeast in warm water and sugar. Peel potatoes. Grate. Strain off any visible water. Add salt, flour, egg and optional onion or herbs. Stir thoroughly. Add more flour, if necessary. (The moisture in potatoes varies.) Cover bowl and

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BIBLE STUDY

We read in Acts 17:32,34: "When they heard about the resurrection of the dead, some of them sneered ... but some among them believed!"

The life, death and resurrection of Jesus were the most pivotal events in human history. Christianity claims a basis in fact: Peter, Paul and the other apostles weren't just believers – they were believable. They had been in contact with their Saviour following His death and Resurrection. They were convinced. This is why their testimony shook the great Roman empire.

We have just gone through a period of Lent. We have meditated about His life, suffering, death and Resurrection. What choice of the two given above have you made – sneering or believing?

Minutes spent in praying for wisdom will save hours in overtaking your faults.

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